



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT GORDON
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 44 - Off-Post
Community Relations Support

1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure appropriate consideration and response to all requests for Fort Gordon to provide support to or participate in off-post community activities.

2. The Army and Defense Department benefit immeasurably from good relationships with the civilian communities near their installations, and one of the ways to maintain those relationships is via participation in community activities. Civilian municipalities and organizations regularly request that installation personnel and equipment take part in off-post events. These requests cover a wide variety of assistance and support, including speakers for community events, use of installation facilities and equipment, performances by the 434th Army Band, tours of the installation, appearances by the Installation Support Detachment or other troop units, static displays of unit tactical or communications equipment, demonstrations of military police dogs, etc.

3. The U.S. Army Garrison Public Affairs Office (PAO) is the primary coordinating agency for off-post support to non-DOD entities, and the entry point for community organizations to request support from Fort Gordon. All requests for support to off-post community activities will be referred to the PAO for evaluation and processing. PAO will assess 1) the community relations value of the request, 2) the propriety of participation, and 3) compliance with Army policy. PAO will also obtain a legal review from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate when needed. If the PAO determines the request should be supported, it will be routed to the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security for tasking to an appropriate unit.

4. Should the requested support be unavailable, DPTMS will notify PAO, which will in turn notify the requestor or raise the issue to the Garrison Commander for further discussion if the nature of the event warrants.

5. This policy should not be viewed as infringing on the authority of a separate command on Fort Gordon to conduct community relations as its chain of command directs. For example, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Navy Information Operations Command-Georgia, 7th Signal Command (Theater), and NSA-Georgia all have unique missions and fully qualified public affairs sections to

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manage their community relations. However, those organizations are encouraged to keep the Public Affairs Office informed of their community relations activities, and refer requests to PAO when the request exceeds their organizational resources.

6. This policy letter also does not apply to:

a. Cooperative, functional arrangements between on-post organizations and local entities, such as Directorate of Emergency Services' mutual aid and support to local emergency response organizations or Directorate of Public Works liaison with local officials for infrastructure planning.

b. Units participating in the Partners in Education program. Whenever a Fort Gordon unit has "adopted" an off-post school under the Partners in Education Program, that unit may accept and respond directly to any requests received from that school.

c. Requests for funeral support for military personnel or retirees.

7. Proponents for this policy memorandum is the PAO, 706-791-6011.



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This memorandum supersedes Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 44 – Off-Post Community Support, dated 15 November 2011.